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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Executive Order 11905  
United States Foreign Intelligence  
Activities, dated 18 February 1976

REFERENCE : Your request for comments on subject  
Executive Order on 18 February 1976

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Pursuant to your request, I have personally reviewed the subject Executive Order with special attention to Section 5, Restrictions on Intelligence Activities, and found nothing that would cause a significant adverse impact upon Office of Security programs.
3. I did find, however, there are parts of the Executive Order that will require interpretation in order to avoid seeming inconsistencies. A principal example in this regard is seen on page 16 of the Executive Order, subparagraph (8), which, in setting out duties and responsibilities of the CIA, states that the Agency "shall conduct such investigations of applicants . . . and other persons with similar associations . . . as are necessary." This latitude in conducting investigations does not seem to coincide with the prohibitions that are set out on page 26, subparagraph (b), which prescribes restrictions on collection of information. The exceptions to these restrictions, specifically subparagraphs (ii), (iii) and (vi), appear to be much more limiting in their scope than the latitude permitted for investigations under the section dealing with duties and responsibilities.

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